
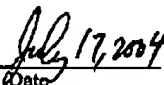


Remarks

In the May 18, 2004 Final Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1 to 3, 6, and 8 to 13. The Examiner also rejected claims 33 and 36 to 43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,819,285 ("Damico et al.") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,014,696 ("Araki et al."). To expedite prosecution, Applicant has canceled claims 33 and 36 to 43 although the Applicant believes these claims are patentable for at least the same reasons as claims 1 to 3, 6, and 8 to 13. Applicant reserves the right to file a continuation application to prosecute claims 33 and 36 to 43.

In summary, claims 1-3, 6, 8 to 13, 33, and 36 to 43 were pending in the above-identified application. This response cancels claims 33 and 36 to 43. For the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1 to 3, 6, and 8 to 13. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (408)382-0480x206.

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